

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled)

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28. (Currently amended): A film cutting and moving suction tube ~~for drawing powder containing medicament from a blister (12) comprising a cavity (19) sealed by a covering film (37), the suction tube comprising~~
an elongate body (62) which includes an inlet section formed with an inlet (63) at one end thereof of the elongate body, which inlet section (63) includes an inlet (65); an outlet section formed with an outlet and that provides a mouthpiece (67) at the other end of the elongate body thereof, which outlet section (67) includes an outlet (69) and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel for (71) providing fluid communication between the inlet (65) and the outlet (69) through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user;

the said inlet section (63) having includes a cutting assembly (64) comprising at least one cutting blade (127) which includes a cutting edge (133) for making a cut in the covering film (37) of a blister (12) and at least one bearing surface (129', 131') for bearing on the covering film (37) of the blister (12) and pushing the same into the cavity (19) of the blister (12) wherein the cutting blade (127) that extends across the inlet (65), and the bearing surface (129', 131') is in the form of at least one a ram blade (129, 131);

said blade being formed with a cutting edge suitable for making a cut in a covering film of a cavity of a blister containing powder medicament, and said ram blade includes a bearing surface suitable for bearing on the covering film of the blister and pushing the same into the cavity of the blister; and

wherein the inhalation channel extends axially rearward of the cutting edge of the cutting blade.

29. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting edge (133) of the cutting blade (127) extends axially forward of the bearing surface (129', 131') of the at least one ram blade (129, 131) such that the covering film (37) of a blister

~~(12) is at least partly cut by the cutting blade (127) before the bearing surface (129', 131') of the at least one ram blade (129, 131) contacts the covering film (37) of the blister (12).~~

30. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 29, wherein the cutting blade (127) is disposed axially forward of the bearing surface (129', 131') of the at least one ram blade (129, 131) such that the covering film (37) of a blister (12) is cut by the cutting blade (127) before the bearing surface (129', 131') of the at least one ram blade (129, 131) contacts the covering film (37) of the blister (12).

31. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet (65) is substantially co-axial with the longitudinal axis of the body (62).

32. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade (127) is substantially co-axial with the longitudinal axis of the body (62).

33. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade (127) includes at least one cutting point (127e).

34. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 33, wherein the cutting blade (127) includes first and second sections (127a, 127b) which taper to a cutting point (127e).

35. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade (127) includes at least one transverse opening (134) axially rearward of the cutting edge (133) thereof.

36. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting blade (127) is substantially planar.

37. (Currently amended) The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein each ram blade ~~(129,131)~~ includes at least one transverse opening ~~(141,143)~~.
38. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening ~~(141,143)~~ is axially rearward of the bearing surface ~~(129', 131')~~ of the ram blade ~~(129,131)~~.
39. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening ~~(141,143)~~ extends axially rearwardly from the bearing surface ~~(129', 131')~~ of the ram blade ~~(129,131)~~.
40. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 37, wherein the at least one transverse opening ~~(141,143)~~ is asymmetrically located in the ram blade ~~(129,131)~~.
41. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 40, wherein the at least one ram blade ~~(129,131)~~ is substantially planar.
42. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet section ~~(63)~~ includes supplementary air inlet openings ~~(147,149)~~ into the inhalation channel ~~(71)~~ at an axial position rearwardly adjacent the inlet ~~(65)~~.
43. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the cutting assembly ~~(64)~~ includes first and second ram blades ~~(129,131)~~ disposed on opposite sides of the cutting blade ~~(127)~~.
44. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 43, wherein each ram blade ~~(129,131)~~ is disposed at substantially the same radial distance from the cutting blade ~~(127)~~.
45. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 43, wherein the cutting assembly ~~(64)~~ is configured such that the distance between the endmost points of the bearing surface

(129', 131') of each of the ram blades (129,131) is approximately the same distance as the distance between the endmost points of the effective cutting length of the cutting blade (127) and the adjacent endmost points of the bearing surface (129', 131') of each of the ram blades (129,131).

46. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the axial position of the inlet (65) is such that when, in use, and the inlet section (63) is located in a blister (12), the inlet (65) is located below the surface defining the opening of the cavity (19) of the blister (12).

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47. (Currently amended): The suction tube according to claim 28, wherein the inlet section (63) includes at least one surface (117', 119') which defines a shoulder which, in use, is located at the upper surface of the blister (12).

48. (Currently amended): An inhaler for administering dry powder by inhalation, comprising the suction tube (7) according to claim 28 a film cutting and moving suction tube which comprises

an elongate body which includes an inlet section formed with an inlet at one end of the elongate body, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section formed with an outlet and that provides a mouthpiece at the other end of the elongate body thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel for providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet;

said inlet section includes a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade that extends across the inlet and at least one a ram blade;

said blade being formed with a cutting edge suitable for making a cut in a covering film of a cavity of a blister containing powder medicament, and said ram blade includes a bearing surface suitable for bearing on the covering film of the blister and pushing the same into the cavity of the blister; and

wherein the inhalation channel extends axially rearward of the cutting edge of the cutting blade.

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49. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to Claim 48, further comprising a support unit ~~(1)~~ for supporting a blister pack element ~~(11)~~, wherein the support unit ~~(1)~~ includes a wall member ~~(85)~~ which includes a plurality of openings ~~(87)~~ adjacent which the blister pack element ~~(11)~~ is in use disposed such that a said blister ~~(12)~~ is located beneath each opening ~~(87)~~.
50. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to claim 49, wherein the inlet section ~~(63)~~ of the suction tube ~~(7)~~ includes at least one surface ~~(115')~~ which defines a shoulder that acts to limit the extent to which the suction tube ~~(7)~~ can be inserted into the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~.
51. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to claim 49, wherein the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~ of the support unit ~~(1)~~ each include at least one radial extension ~~(87a, 87b)~~ which each include a web member ~~(89)~~ and the inlet section ~~(63)~~ of the suction tube ~~(7)~~ includes at least one resiliently-biased arm ~~(105, 107)~~ which supports a catch member ~~(109, 111)~~ and is configured to fit into the at least one radial extension ~~(87a, 87b)~~ of the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~, with the catch member ~~(109, 111)~~ and the web member ~~(89)~~ being configured to engage one another when the suction tube ~~(7)~~ is inserted into one of the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~.
52. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to claim 51, wherein the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~ of the support unit ~~(1)~~ each include first and second radial extensions ~~(87a, 87b)~~ and the inlet section ~~(63)~~ of the suction tube ~~(7)~~ includes first and second resiliently-biased arms ~~(105, 107)~~.
53. (Currently amended): The inhaler according to claim 52, wherein the first and second radial extensions ~~(87a, 87b)~~ of the openings ~~(87)~~ in the wall member ~~(85)~~ and the first and second arms ~~(105, 107)~~ of the inlet section ~~(63)~~ of the suction tube ~~(7)~~ are radially opposed.

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54. (New) The combination comprising a blister containing powder containing medicament and a suction tube for drawing said powder containing medicament from a said blister, said blister comprising a cavity sealed by a covering film, the suction tube comprising an elongate body which includes an inlet section at one end thereof, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section at the other end thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user, the inlet section having a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade and at least one ram blade,

said cutting blade including a cutting edge for making a cut in the covering film of a blister,

said ram blade including at least one bearing surface for bearing on the covering film of the blister and pushing the same into the cavity of the blister,

wherein the cutting blade extends across the inlet.

55. (New) An inhaler for administering dry powder by inhalation, comprising a blister containing powder containing medicament, a suction tube for drawing said powder containing medicament from a said blister, said blister comprising a cavity sealed by a covering film, the suction tube comprising an elongate body which includes an inlet section at one end thereof, which inlet section includes an inlet, an outlet section at the other end thereof, which outlet section includes an outlet and provides a mouthpiece, and an inhalation channel providing fluid communication between the inlet and the outlet through which powder is in use drawn on inhalation by a user, the inlet section having a cutting assembly comprising at least one cutting blade and at least one ram blade, said cutting blade including a cutting edge for making a cut in the covering film of a blister, said ram blade including at least one bearing surface for bearing on the covering film of the blister and pushing the same into the cavity of the blister, wherein the cutting blade extends across the inlet.